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TITLE PAGE

SOUTH CAROLINA TELECOMMUNICATIONS TARIFF

OF

Consolidated Communication Enterprise Services, Inc.

This tariff contains the descriptions, regulations, and rates applicable to the furnishing of service and facilities for telecommunication services provided by Consolidated Communication Enterprise Services, Inc., with offices at 350 South Loop 336 West, Conroe, Texas 77304. This tariff applies for services furnished within the State of South Carolina. This tariff is on file with the South Carolina Public Service Commission, and copies may be inspected, during normal business hours, at the Company's principal place of business.

This tariff is governed and interpreted according to the laws of the state of South Carolina.

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SECTION 1.0 – TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

1.1 Abbreviations

The following abbreviations are used herein only for the purposes indicated below:

C.O.	-	Central Office
Corp.	-	Corporation
EAEA	-	Equal Access Exchange Area
FCC	-	Federal Communications Commission
IXC	-	Interexchange Carrier
LATA	-	Local Access and Transport Area
LEC	-	Local Exchange Carrier
MTS	-	Message Telecommunications Service
PBX	-	Private Branch Exchange
SC PSC	-	South Carolina Public Service Commission

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SECTION 1.0 – TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS, *continued*

1.2 Definitions

Access Line – An arrangement which connects the Customer's location to Company's designated point of presence or network switching center.

Authorized User – A person, firm or corporation, or any other entity authorized by the Customer or Subscriber to communicate utilizing the Company's services. An authorized user also may be a consumer as defined herein.

Calling Card – A billing convenience whereby the charges for a call may be billed to an approved telephone company-issued calling card or valid commercial credit card where accepted. The terms and conditions of the local telephone company will apply to payment arrangements.

Casual Calling – A service whereby the Customer accesses the Company's service by dialing a Company-provided access code prior to placing the call, such as 101XXXX + 1 + area code + destination number.

Collect Calling – A billing arrangement whereby the originating caller may bill the charges for a call to the called party, provided the called party agrees to accept the charges.

Commission – The South Carolina Public Service Commission.

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1.2 Definitions, *continued*

Company – Used throughout this tariff to refer to Consolidated Communication Enterprise Services, Inc. unless otherwise clearly indicated by the context.

Consumer – A person who is not a Customer initiating any telephone calls using operator services.

Customer Dialed Calling Card Call – A service whereby the End User dials all of the digits necessary to route and bill the call without any operator assistance.

Customer – The person, firm or corporation, or other entity which orders, cancels, amends, or uses service or is responsible for the payment of charges and/or compliance with tariff regulations.

Customer Premises Equipment – Terminal equipment, as defined herein, which is located on the Customer's premises.

Operator Station Call – A service whereby caller places a non-Person-to-Person call with the assistance of an operator (live or automated).

Person-to-Person Call – A service whereby the person originating the call specifies a particular person to be reached, or a particular station, room number, department or office to be reached, or an agreed upon alternate.

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Subscriber – The person, firm, corporation, or other legal entity which arranges for services of the Company on behalf of transient third party Consumers. The Subscriber is responsible for compliance with the terms and conditions of this tariff. A Subscriber may also be a Customer when the Subscriber uses services of the Company. See also Traffic Aggregator.

Switched Access – Where access between the Customer and the interexchange carrier is provided on local exchange company Feature Group circuits. The cost of switched Feature Group access is billed to the interexchange carrier.

Third Party Billing – A billing arrangement by which the charges for a call may be billed to a telephone number that is different from the calling number and the called number.

Terminal Equipment – Devices, apparatus, and associated wiring, such as teleprinters, telephones, or data sets.

Traffic Aggregator – A Subscriber that in the ordinary course of its operations, makes telephones available to the public or to transient users of its premises, for telephone calls using a provider of operator services.

V & H Coordinates – Geographic points which define the originating and terminating points of a call in mathematical terms so that the airline mileage of the call may be determined. Call mileage is used for the purpose of rating calls.

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SECTION 2.0 – RULES AND REGULATIONS

2.1 Undertaking of the Company

Consolidated Communication Enterprise Services, Inc. is a resale common carrier providing automated and live intrastate operator assisted, direct dialed telecommunications and directory assistance services to Customers within the state of South Carolina.

Service is provided twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week.

2.2 Applicability of Tariff

This tariff is applicable to telecommunications services provided by the Company within the state of South Carolina.

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SECTION 2.0 – RULES AND REGULATIONS, *continued***2.3 Payment and Credit Regulations****2.3.1 Payment Arrangements**

The Customer is responsible for payment of all charges for services and equipment furnished to the Customer for transmission of calls via the Company. The Customer agrees to pay to the Company any cost(s) incurred as a result of any delegation of authority resulting in the use of his or her communications equipment and/or network services which result in the placement of calls via the Company. The Customer agrees to pay the Company or its authorized agent any and all cost(s) incurred as a result of the use of the service arrangement, including calls which the Customer did not individually authorize.

All charges due by the Customer are payable to any agency duly authorized to receive such payments. The billing agency may be a local exchange telephone company, credit card company, or other billing service. Terms of payment shall be according to the rules and regulations of the agency and subject to the rules of regulatory agencies, such as the South Carolina Public Service Commission. Objections must be made within the time frames established in R.106-623 or the Commission's rules and regulations, as amended. Adjustments to Customers' bills shall be made to the extent that circumstances exist which reasonably indicate that such changes are appropriate.

Charges for installations, service connections, moves, and rearrangements, where applicable, are payable upon demand by the Company or its authorized agent. The billing thereafter will include recurring charges and actual usage as defined in this tariff.

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SECTION 2.0 – RULES AND REGULATIONS, *continued*

2.3 Payment and Credit Regulations, *continued*

2.3.2 Deposits

The Company does not require a deposit from the Customer or Subscriber.

2.3.3 Advance Payments

The Company does not accept advance payments from the Customer or Subscriber.

2.3.4 Late Payment Charge

Payment is due within thirty days subsequent to the invoice date and are considered past due after the thirty (30) day period. Late payment charges may be applied as allowed pursuant to South Carolina Public Service Commission Reg. 103-622.2 which provides that a maximum one and one half percent (1.5%) may be added to any unpaid balance brought forward from the previous billing date to cover the cost of collection and carrying accounts in arrears. Billings for 900 and 900-type charges or non-regulated items are excluded from the balance on which a late charge may be imposed.

2.3.5 Return Check Charge

Pursuant to S.C. Code Annotated Section 34-11-70 a return check charge of \$25.00 will be assessed for checks returned for insufficient funds. Any applicable return check charges will be assessed according to the terms and conditions of the billing entity (i.e. local exchange company and/or commercial credit card company) and pursuant to South Carolina law and South Carolina Public Service Commission regulations.

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2.4 Taxes and Fees

The Company reserves the right to bill any and all applicable taxes, fees, governmental or quasi-governmental assessments in addition to normal long distance usage charges, including, but not limited to: Federal Excise Tax, State Sales Tax, Municipal Taxes, and Universal Service Funds.

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SECTION 2.0 – RULES AND REGULATIONS, *continued***2.5 Refunds or Credits for Service Outages or Deficiencies****2.5.1 Interruption of Service**

Credit allowances for interruptions of service which are not due to the Company's testing or adjusting, to the negligence of the Customer or Subscriber, or to the failure of channels, equipment and/or communications systems provided by the Customer or Subscriber, are subject to the general liability provisions set forth in this tariff. It shall be the obligation of the Customer to notify Company immediately of any interruption in service for which a credit allowance is desired by Customer. Before giving such notice, the Customer shall ascertain that the trouble is not within his or her control, or is not in wiring or equipment, if any furnished by Customer and connected to Company's terminal. Interruptions caused by Customer-provided, Subscriber-provided or Company-provided automatic dialing equipment are not deemed an interruption of service as defined herein since the Customer has the option of using the long distance network via LEC access. For purposes of credit computation every month shall be considered to have 720 hours. For services with a monthly recurring charge, no credit shall be allowed for an interruption of continuous duration of less than two hours. For message rated toll services, credits will be limited to, at maximum, the price of the initial period of individual call that was interrupted.

2.5.2 Inspection, Testing and Adjustment

Upon reasonable notice, the facilities provided by the Company shall be made available to the Company for such tests and adjustments as may be deemed necessary for maintenance in a condition satisfactory to the Company. No interruption allowance will be granted for the time during which such tests and adjustments are made.

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2.6 Liability

2.6.1 Liability of the Company

The Company shall comply with the Rules and Regulations contained in the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's Telecommunications Utilities Regulations. (S.C. Code Ann. Regulations Chapter 103, Article 6). The Company's liability shall be limited as posted on the Company's website: www.consolidated.com.

2.6.2 Liabilities of the Customer or Subscriber

The Customer's obligation to indemnify the Company against claims is posted on the Company's website: www.consolidated.com.

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2.7 Refusal or Discontinuance by the Company

The Company may refuse or discontinue service under the following conditions. Unless otherwise specified, the Customer or Subscriber will be given ten (10) days written notice and allowed a reasonable time to comply with any rule or remedy any deficiency.

- 2.7.1** For non-compliance with and/or violation of any State or municipal law, ordinance or regulation pertaining to telephone service.
- 2.7.2** For the use of telephone service for any other property or purpose other than that described in the application.
- 2.7.3** For neglect or refusal to provide reasonable access to the Company for the purpose of inspection and maintenance of equipment owned by the Company.
- 2.7.4** For non-compliance with and/or violation of the South Carolina Public Service Commission's regulations or the Company's rules and regulations on file with the South Carolina Public Service Commission.
- 2.7.5** For non-payment of bills for telephone service.
- 2.7.6** Without notice in the event of Customer, Authorized User or Subscriber use of equipment in such a manner as to adversely affect the Company's equipment or the Company's service to others.
- 2.7.7** Without notice in the event of tampering with the equipment furnished and owned by the Company.

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2.7 Refusal or Discontinuance by the Company *continued*

- 2.7.8** Without notice in the event of unauthorized or fraudulent use of service. Whenever service is discontinued for fraudulent use of service, the Company may, before restoring service, require the Subscriber to make, at his or her own expense, all changes in facilities or equipment necessary to eliminate illegal use and to pay an amount reasonably estimated as the loss in revenues resulting from such fraudulent use.
- 2.7.9** For failure of the Customer or Subscriber to make proper application for service.
- 2.7.10** For Customer's or Subscriber's breach of the contract for service between the Company and the Customer, including posting or access requirements as specified to comply with state and federal regulations.
- 2.7.11** When necessary for the Company to comply with any order or request of any governmental authority having jurisdiction.

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2.8 Limitations of Service

- 2.8.1** Service will be furnished subject to the availability of the necessary facilities and/or equipment and subject to the provisions of this tariff.
- 2.8.2** The Company reserves the right to discontinue furnishing service, upon written notice, when necessitated by conditions beyond its control, or when the Customer or Subscriber is using the service in violation of the provisions of this tariff, or in violation of law.
- 2.8.3** The Company does not undertake to transmit messages, but offers the use of its facilities when available, and will not be liable for errors in transmission or for failure to establish connections.
- 2.8.4** The Company reserves the right to discontinue the offering of service or deny an application for service if a change in regulation materially and negatively impacts the financial viability of the service in the best business judgment of the Company.

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2.9 Use of Service

Service may be used for any lawful purpose for which it is technically suited.

2.10 Terminal Equipment

The Company's facilities and service may be used with or terminated in Customer-provided or Subscriber-provided terminal equipment or systems, such as PBXs, key systems, multiplexers, repeaters, signaling sets, teleprinters, handsets, or data sets. Such terminal equipment shall be furnished and maintained at the expense of the Customer or Subscriber, except as otherwise provided. The Subscriber or Customer is responsible for all costs at his or her premises, including personnel, wiring, electrical power, and the like, incurred in the use of Company's service.

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2.11 Cost of Collection and Repair

The Customer is responsible for any and all costs incurred in the collection of monies due the Company including legal and accounting expenses. The Customer or the Subscriber is also responsible for recovery costs of Company-provided equipment and any expenses required for repair or replacement of damaged equipment.

2.12 Other Rules

2.12.1 The Company reserves the right to refuse to process Third Party Billed, Credit Card or Calling Card billed calls when authorization for use is denied or cannot be validated.

2.12.2 The Company reserves the right to discontinue service, limit service, or to impose requirements on Subscribers or Customers as required to meet changing regulations, rules or standards of the South Carolina Public Service Commission.

2.13 Location Surcharge

The Company may collect Location Surcharges on behalf of Subscribers. Location Surcharges apply on a per call basis and are included with usage charges on the Customer's bill for Carrier's services. The Company reserves the right to limit the amount of Location Surcharges it collects on behalf of the Subscriber.

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SECTION 2.0 – RULES AND REGULATIONS, *continued*

2.14 Customer Complaints and/or Billing Disputes

The Customer has the right to refer billing disputes and any other complaints to the Company at:
Customer Service Department
Consolidated Communication Enterprise Services, Inc.
350 South Loop 336 West
Mattoon, Illinois 61938

If the Customer is unable to resolve the dispute with the Company, the Customer may contact the South Carolina Public Service Commission at the following address and telephone number:

South Carolina Public Service Commission
Synergy Business Park – Saluda Building
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, SC 29210
Consumer Services Department – Telephone: (803) 896-5230
Consumer WATS Line – Telephone (800) 922 1531

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SECTION 3.0 – DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE

3.1 General

The Company offers operator and directory assistance services to entities serving the transient public.

Each Customer is charged individually for each call placed through the Company. Charges are computed on an airline mileage basis as described in Section 3.2 of this tariff.

Charges may vary by service offering, mileage band, class of call, time of day, day of week and/or call duration.

Customers are billed based on their use of the Company's long distance service. No installation charges or fixed monthly recurring charges apply.

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SECTION 3.0 – DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE, *continued***3.2 Calculation of Distance**

Usage charges for all mileage sensitive products are based on the airline distance between serving wire centers associated with the originating and terminating points of the call.

The serving wire centers of a call are determined by the area codes and exchanges of the origination and destination points.

The distance between the Wire Center of the Customer's equipment and that of the destination point is calculated by using the industry-standard "V" and "H" coordinates.

Step 1 – Obtain the "V" and "H" coordinates for the Wire Centers serving the Customer and the destination point.

Step 2 – Obtain the difference between the "V" coordinates of each of the Wire Centers. Obtain the Difference between the "H" coordinates.

Step 3 – Square the differences obtained in Step 2.

Step 4 – Add the squares of the "V" difference and "H" difference obtained in Step 3.

Step 5 – Divide the sum of the square obtained in Step 4 by ten (10). Round to the next higher whole number if any fraction results from the division.

Step 6 – Obtain the square root of the whole number obtained in Step 5. Round to the next higher whole number if any fraction is obtained. This is the distance between the Wire Centers.

Formula =

$$\sqrt{\frac{(V_1 - V_2)^2 + (H_1 - H_2)^2}{10}}$$

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SECTION 3.0 – DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE, *continued***3.3 Timing of Calls**

Billing for calls placed over the network is based in part on the duration of the call. Timing of each call begins when the called party answers the call (i.e. when two way communications are established.) Answer detection is based on standard industry answer detection methods, including hardware and software answer detection. Call timing ends when either party hangs up.

3.3.1 Unless otherwise described in the individual service description in this tariff, calls are measured and billed in one (1) minute increments. The minimum call duration for billing purposes is one (1) minute.

3.3.2 There is no billing applied for incomplete calls.

3.3.3 When a call is established in one rate period and ends in another rate period, the rate in effect at the calling station applies to the portion of the call occurring within that rate period. When a unit of time is split between two rate periods, the rate applicable to that unit of time is based on the rate period in which it began.

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SECTION 3.0 – DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE, *continued*

3.4 Applicable Rate Periods

Unless otherwise indicated elsewhere in this tariff, usage-based rates may be subject to the following time-of-day, day-of-week, and holiday rate periods:

- 3.4.1** Day Rate Period – Applies to that portion of a call occurring from 8:00 AM to, but not including, 5:00 PM Monday through Friday.
- 3.4.2** Evening Rate Period – Applies to that portion of a call occurring from 5:00 PM to, but not including, 11:00 PM Sunday through Friday.
- 3.4.3** Night/Weekend Rate Period – Applies to that portion of a call occurring from 11:00 PM to, but not including 8:00 AM all days, all day Saturday, and Sunday to, but not including 5:00 PM.

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SECTION 3.0 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE, *continued***3.5 Pay Telephone Surcharge**

In order to recover the Company's expenses to comply with the FCC's pay telephone compensation plan effective on October 7, 1997 (FCC 97-371), an undiscountable per call charge is applicable to all interstate, intrastate and international calls that originate from any domestic pay telephone used to access the Company's services. This surcharge, which is in addition to standard tariffed usage charges and any applicable service charges and surcharges associated with the Company's service, applies for the use of the instrument used to access the Company service and is unrelated to the Company's service accessed from the pay telephone.

Pay telephones include coin-operated and coinless phones owned by local telephone companies, independent companies and other interexchange carriers. The Pay Telephone Surcharge applies to the initial completed call and any reoriginated call (i.e., using the "#" symbol).

Whenever possible, the Pay Telephone Surcharge will appear on the same invoice containing the usage charges for the surcharged call. In cases where proper pay telephone coding digits are not transmitted to the Company prior to completion of a call, the Pay Telephone Surcharge may be billed on a subsequent invoice after the Company has obtained information from a carrier that the originating station is an eligible pay telephone.

The Pay Telephone Surcharge does not apply to calls placed from pay telephones at which the Customer pays for service by inserting coins during the progress of the call.

Maximum Pay Telephone Surcharge, Per Call \$0.60

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SECTION 3.0 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE, *continued***3.6 Service Offerings****3.6.1 Operator Services**

Operator Services is the furnishing of services for the completion of calls by Consumers and Customers presubscribed to Company made with the assistance of a company operator within the state including aggregator sites and locations. Aggregator sites include, but are not limited to hotels/motels, hospitals, business, military establishments; and locations of public, semi-public, or private pay telephones. Commercial credit cards are only accepted for payment for calls from pay telephone locations.

Per Commission Order 2001-997 in Docket No. 2000-407-C a maximum cap of \$1.75 for operator surcharges and a cap of \$0.35 related to the flat per minute rate associated with operator assisted calls where a consumer uses a local exchange carrier's calling card to complete calls from locations which have not selected that local exchange carrier as their toll provider.

Usage charges apply to all operator service calls. Additionally, appropriate service charges are billed on a per call basis. The following per call service charges apply individually or in combination as described herein.

A. Calling Card Charge

This charge applies to an operator assisted or automated call placed by a Customer or Consumer where the call charges are billed to a local telephone company issued authorization code rather than to the originating or terminating telephone number. Three levels of assistance are available, depending on the extent of operator involvement in placing the call. See rate schedule below.

B. Operator Station Charge

This charge applies to a service whereby the Customer or Consumer places a non-Person to Person call with the assistance of an operator (live or automated).

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SECTION 3.0 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE, *continued*

3.6 Service Offerings, *continued*

3.6.1 Operator Services, *continued*

C. Collect Call Charge

This charge applies to a billing arrangement whereby the originating caller may bill the charges for a call to the called party, provided the called party agrees to accept the charges.

D. Third Party Billing Charge

This charge applies to a billing arrangement by which the charges for a call may be billed to a telephone number that is different from the calling number and the called number.

E. Sent Paid Charge

This charge applies when the Consumer requests the operator to bill back to the number from which they are calling. The operator can only do this if the Consumer is calling from a non-restricted number.

F. Person to Person Charge

This charge applies to a service whereby the person originating the call specifies a particular person to be reached, or a particular station, room number, department or office to be reached.

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3.6 Service Offerings, *continued*

3.6.1 Operator Services, *continued*

G. Operator Dialed Surcharge

A surcharge applies to Operator Station and Person-to-Person rated calls when the Customer or Consumer has the capability of dialing all the digits necessary to complete a call, but elects to dial only the appropriate operator code and requests the operator to dial the called station. The surcharge does not apply to: 1) calls where a Customer cannot otherwise dial the call due to defective equipment or trouble on the Company network or 2) Calls in which a Company operator places a calls for a calling party who is identified as being handicapped and unable to dial the call because of his/her handicap.

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SECTION 3.0 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE, *continued***3.6 Service Offerings, *continued*****3.6.1 Operator Services, *continued*****H. Busy Line Verification and Interrupt****1. Busy Line Verification**

Busy Line Verification and Interrupt services are offered in areas where the service is available. With Busy Line Verification (BLV), the Company operator will determine if the called number or line is in use. Only one BLV will be made per telephone call and an associated charge will apply whether or not conversation was detected on the line. The operator will not complete the call for the Customer initiating the verification request.

2. Busy Line Verification - Interrupt

Busy Line Verification - Interrupt (BLVI) allows the Company operator to interrupt a telephone conversation in progress, upon the caller's request and after a Busy Line Verification occurs. Upon the caller's request, the Company operator will interrupt the busy line and inform the called party that there is a call waiting from the caller. The Operator will not complete the call, but will only inform the called party of the request. If the call is released the Company operator will offer to complete the call for the Customer initiating the interrupt request. An applicable service charge and applicable per minute charges will apply to the completed call. Only one BLVI attempt will be made per telephone call and a charge will apply whether or not the called party releases the line.

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3.6 Service Offerings, *continued*

3.6.1 Operator Services, *continued*

I. General Assistance Charge

This charge applies when the Customer or Consumer obtains information such as time of day, day of the week, area codes, international and/or city codes.

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3.6 Service Offerings, *continued*

3.6.2 Rate Plan 1

A. General

Rate Plan 1 is available to Customers for outbound interLATA and intraLATA toll calling. All calls are measured and billed in one (1) minute increments after an initial minimum call duration of one (1) minute. When the call is originated from a pay telephone the applicable charges are specified in paragraph 5.1.4.B of Section 5. Calls are not time of day sensitive.

The Company's rates for this service are not subject to a maximum rate, pursuant to Order No. 96-377, docket No. 96-051C. See Section 5 for current rates.

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3.6 Service Offerings, *continued*

3.6.3 Rate Plan 2

A. General

Rate Plan 2 is available to Customers for outbound interLATA and intraLATA toll calling. Calls are measured and billed in one (1) minute increments after an initial minimum call duration of one (1) minute. Calls are not time of day sensitive.

The Company's rates for this service are not subject to a maximum rate, pursuant to Order No. 96-377, docket No. 96-051C. See Section 5 for current rates.

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3.6 Service Offerings, *continued*

3.6.4 Rate Plan 3

A. General

Rate Plan 3 is available to Customers for outbound interLATA and intraLATA toll calling. Calls are measured and billed in one (1) minute increments after an initial minimum call duration of one (1) minute. Calls are not time of day sensitive.

The Company's rates for this service are not subject to a maximum rate, pursuant to Order No. 96-377, docket No. 96-051C. See Section 5 for current rates.

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3.6 Service Offerings, *continued*

3.6.5 Rate Plan 4

A. General

Rate Plan 4 is available to Customers for outbound intrastate toll calling. Customers access the Company's network to place a collect call or other call type requiring operator assistance by dialing a toll free number, or a designated access code from a pay telephone. Calls are billed in one (1) minute increments with an initial period for billing purposes of one (1) minute. Calls are not mileage or time-of-day sensitive. Pay Telephone Surcharge does not apply to these calls.

B. Rates and Charges

The Company's rates for this service are not subject to a maximum rate, pursuant to Order No. 96-377, docket No. 96-051C. See Section 5 for current rates.

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3.6 Service Offerings, *continued*

3.6.6 Rate Plan 5

A. General

Rate Plan 5 is available to Customers for outbound intrastate toll calling. Customers access the Company's network to place a collect call or other call type requiring operator assistance by dialing a toll free number, or a designated access code from a pay telephone. Calls are billed in three (3) minute increments with an initial period for billing purposes of one (1) minute. Calls are not mileage or time-of-day sensitive. Pay Telephone Surcharge does not apply to these calls.

B. Rates and Charges

The Company's rates for this service are not subject to a maximum rate, pursuant to Order No. 96-377, docket No. 96-051C. See Section 5 for current rates.

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SECTION 3.0 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE, *continued***3.6 Service Offerings, *continued*****3.6.7 Directory Assistance****A. General**

Directory Assistance is available to all Customers for the purpose of obtaining telephone numbers. Charges for Directory Assistance are not applicable to inquiries received from handicapped persons who have to rely on Directory Assistance as the only practical means of obtaining a telephone number. Such persons must contact the Company for credit on directory assistance calls.

Directory assistance is offered to all Customers. When operator assistance is provided to complete or bill the directory assistance charges appropriate operator service charges apply in addition to the directory assistance usage charge. residential Customers receive six (6) free calls to directory assistance per billing cycle. Business Customers receive zero (0) free calls to directory assistance per billing cycle.

A maximum of two (2) telephone numbers are allowed per request. Additional charges may apply for requests of more than two (2) telephone numbers, which will not exceed the existing tariffed rate.

B. Rates and Charges

The Company's rates for this service are not subject to a maximum rate, pursuant to Order No. 96-377, docket No. 96-051C. See Section 5 for current rates.

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3.7 Nonsubscriber Service Charge

A Service charge is applicable to intrastate Operator Station, Person-to-Person or Real Time rated calls billed to all lines which are presubscribed to an interexchange carrier other than the Company, or not presubscribed to any interexchange carrier. This charge is in addition to the initial period and additional period charges applicable to calls from points within the state.

The Company's rates for this service are not subject to a maximum rate, pursuant to Order No. 96-377, docket No. 96-051C. See Section 5 for current rates.

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The following calls are exempted from all charges: Emergency calls to recognizable authorized civil agencies including police, fire, ambulance, bomb squad and poison control. The Company will only handle these calls if the caller dials all of the digits to route and bill the call. Credit will be given for any billed charges pursuant to this exemption on a subsequent bill after verified notification by the billed Customer within thirty (30) days of billing.

3.9 Individual Case Basis Rates (ICB)

Arrangements may be developed on a case-by-case basis in response to a bona fide special request from a Customer or prospective Customer to develop a competitive bid for a service not generally available under this tariff. ICB rates will be offered to the Customer in writing and on a non-discriminatory basis.

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SECTION 4.0 - PROMOTIONS

4.1 Promotional Offerings - General

For promotional purposes, market research, or similar corporate purposes, the Company may, at its discretion, offer for limited periods of time, reduced rates or waiver of rates, provided that a copy of any promotional service offering is filed with the South Carolina Public Service Commission via letter filing, prior to implementation of the promotion. The tariff filing shall contain a brief description of the promotional offering including the length of time the offering will be available and the location in which it will be offered, if applicable.

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SECTION 5.0 - CURRENT RATES**5.1 Rate Plan 1****5.1.1. Calling Card Rates****A. Per Minute Usage Rate**

Per Minute Rate	\$0.35
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B. Per Call Service Charges

Customer Dialed Calling Card	\$1.75
Operator Must Dial Calling Card	\$1.75
Operator Dialed Calling Card	\$5.50
Person-to-Person	\$9.99
Operator Dialed Surcharge	\$1.00
Busy Line Verification	\$2.00
Busy Line Verification – Interrupt	\$2.00
General Assistance	\$0.99

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Per Minute Rate	\$0.55
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B. Per Call Service Charges

Collect - Automated	\$4.99
Collect - Operator Handled	\$5.50
Third Party - Automated	\$4.99
Third Party - Operator Handled	\$9.99
Sent Paid - Non Coin - Automated	\$4.99
Sent Paid - Non Coin - Operator	\$9.99
Person-to-Person	\$9.99
Operator Dialed Surcharge	\$1.00
Busy Line Verification	\$2.00
Busy Line Verification – Interrupt	\$2.00
General Assistance	\$0.99

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Per Minute Rate	\$0.55
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B. Per Call Service Charges

Customer Dialed Calling Card	\$4.95
Operator Must Dial Calling Card	\$4.95
Operator Dialed Calling Card	\$5.50
Collect - Automated	\$4.99
Collect - Operator Handled	\$5.50
Third Party - Automated	\$9.99
Third Party - Operator Handled	\$9.99
Person-to-Person	\$9.99
Operator Dialed Surcharge	\$1.00
Busy Line Verification	\$2.00
Busy Line Verification – Interrupt	\$2.00

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SECTION 5.0 - CURRENT RATES, *continued***5.2 Rate Plan 2****5.2.1 Calling Card Rates****A. Per Minute Usage Rate**

Per Minute Rate	\$0.35
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B. Per Call Service Charges

Customer Dialed Calling Card	\$1.58
Operator Must Dial Calling Card	\$1.58
Operator Dialed Calling Card	\$4.95
Person-to-Person	\$8.99
Operator Dialed Surcharge	\$1.00
Busy Line Verification	\$2.00
Busy Line Verification – Interrupt	\$2.00
General Assistance	\$0.99

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Per Minute Rate	\$0.55
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B. Per Call Service Charges

Collect - Automated	\$4.49
Collect - Operator Handled	\$4.95
Third Party - Automated	\$4.49
Third Party - Operator Handled	\$8.99
Sent Paid - Non Coin - Automated	\$4.49
Sent Paid - Non Coin - Operator	\$8.99
Person-to-Person	\$8.99
Operator Dialed Surcharge	\$1.00
Busy Line Verification	\$2.00
Busy Line Verification – Interrupt	\$2.00
General Assistance	\$0.99

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SECTION 5.0 - CURRENT RATES, *continued***5.3 Rate Plan 3****5.3.1 Calling Card Rates****A. Per Minute Usage Rate**

Per Minute Rate	\$0.35
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B. Per Call Service Charges

Customer Dialed Calling Card	\$1.31
Operator Must Dial Calling Card	\$1.31
Operator Dialed Calling Card	\$2.75
Person-to-Person	\$5.00
Operator Dialed Surcharge	\$1.00
Busy Line Verification	\$2.00
Busy Line Verification – Interrupt	\$2.00
General Assistance	\$0.99

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Per Minute Rate	\$0.55
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B. Per Call Service Charges

Collect - Automated	\$2.50
Collect - Operator Handled	\$2.75
Third Party - Automated	\$2.50(R)
Third Party - Operator Handled	\$5.00
Sent Paid - Non Coin - Automated	\$2.50(I)
Sent Paid - Non Coin - Operator	\$5.00(I)
Person-to-Person	\$5.00
Operator Dialed Surcharge	\$1.00
Busy Line Verification	\$2.00
Busy Line Verification – Interrupt	\$2.00
General Assistance	\$0.99

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	Day		Evening		Night/Weekend	
	1st	Add'l	1st	Add'l	1st	Add'l
<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Minute</u>	<u>Minute</u>	<u>Minute</u>	<u>Minute</u>	<u>Minute</u>	<u>Minute</u>
0 - 99999	\$0.3900	\$0.3900	\$0.3900	\$0.3900	\$0.3900	\$0.3900

B. Per Call Charges

Customer Dialed Calling Card	\$ 4.10
Operator Must Dial Calling Card	\$ 4.10
Operator Dialed Calling Card	\$ 4.10
Collect - Automated	\$ 4.10
Collect - Operator Handled	\$ 4.10
Third Party - Automated	\$ 4.10
Third Party - Operator Handled	\$ 4.10
Person-to-Person	\$ 4.10
Operator Dialed Surcharge	\$ 1.99

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	Day		Evening		Night/Weekend	
	1st	Add'l 3	1st	Add'l 3	1st	Add'l 3
<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Minute</u>	<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Minute</u>	<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Minute</u>	<u>Minutes</u>
0 - 99999	\$0.3900	\$1.1700	\$0.3900	\$1.1700	\$0.3900	\$1.1700

B. Per Call Charges

Customer Dialed Calling Card	\$ 4.10
Operator Must Dial Calling Card	\$ 4.10
Operator Dialed Calling Card	\$ 4.10
Collect - Automated	\$ 4.10
Collect - Operator Handled	\$ 4.10
Third Party - Automated	\$ 4.10
Third Party - Operator Handled	\$ 4.10
Person-to-Person	\$ 4.10
Operator Dialed Surcharge	\$ 1.99

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5.6 Directory Assistance Services

5.6.1 Directory Assistance Service

Intrastate Directory Assistance Charge, Per Call	\$0.40
National Directory Assistance Charge, Per Call	\$0.85

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Nonsubscriber Service Charge, Per Call: \$3.50

Rate Plans 4-5:

Nonsubscriber Service Charge, Per Call: \$0.50

5.8 Pay Telephone Surcharge

Pay Telephone Surcharge, Per Call \$0.47

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